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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT

SENGHOR: AFRICA

1. SUMMARY. DURING TWO HOUR PRIVATE DINNER WHICH HE GAVE FOR ANDRE COULBARY, HIS AMBASSADOR TO US, AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. AGGREY JANUARY 19, PRESIDENT SENGHOR COMMENTED ON VARIOUS AFRICAN, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MIDDLE EAST, AND INTERNAL SENEGALESE ISSUES. THIS MESSAGE DEALS WITH AFRICA. PRESIDENT GAVE FOLLOWING VIEWS: HE OPPOSES GUINEAN ENTRY INTO OMVS. GAMBIA PRESIDENT JAWARA'S INITIATIVE WITH CONAKRY LOOKS TOWARDS RE-ESTABLISHMENT RELATIONS BETWEEN SENEGAL AND GUINEA. MAURITANIAN BORDER PROBLEM RESULT OF GOM'S DESIRE DIVERT ATTENTION OF ITS BLACK AFRICAN POPULATION. CHINESE STATED COST OF MANATALI DAM TOO HIGH FOR THEM. NIGERIANS THREATEN TO INTRODUCE PRO-ARAB POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO FESTIVAL

OF BLACK ARTS PROJECTS. SENEGAL SUPPORTS MOROCCO-MAURITANIAN SOLUTION TO SPANISH SAHARA PROBLEM. SENGHOR WILL ENCOURAGE FNLA-UNITA ALLIANCE IN ANGOLA. HE IS WORRIED ABOUT BORDER PROBLEMS WITH GUINEA-BISSAU AND PLANS WITHDRAW SENEGALESE CONTINGENT FROM UN MIDEAST FORCE. END SUMMARY

2. OMVS RELATIONS WITH GUINEA. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM AMBASSADOR COULBARY, PRESIDENT SENGHOR SAID HE WOULD OPPOSE GUINEA'S ENTRY INTO ORGANIZATION OF SENEGAL RIVER STATES. SEKOU TOURE WAS TOO OLD TO CHANGE AND GUINEA'S PRESENCE IN OMVS WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE. OMVS HAD LITTLE TO GAIN FROM GUINEA'S PARTICIPATION. GUINEA'S PRESENT AND PROJECTED FUTURE USE OF SENEGAL RIVER NOT REALLY TIED INTO OMVS PLANS. ANY COOPERATION THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH AGREEMENTS BETWEEN OMVS AUTHORITY AND GOG. GUINEA COULD NEGOTIATE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WITH SENEGAMBIA AUTHORITY.

3. SENEGAL AND GUINEA. SENGHOR SAID HE HAD NO REPORT YET FROM GAMBIA PRESIDENT JAWARA ON LATTER'S MEETING WITH SEKOU TOURE WHICH WAS CALCULATED TO LEAD TO RENEWAL OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SENEGAL AND GUINEA. SENEGAL WOULD STUDY SITUATION CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING UP WITH SEKOU
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TOURE. WHILE FRENCH AND GERMAN PRISONERS MAY HAVE BEEN LIBERATED, SENGHOR SAID, HIS BEST INFORMATION WAS THAT MANY GUINEANS AND OTHER AFRICAN PERSONAGES STILL DETAINED. THESE INCLUDED WIFE OF GUINEAN NOVELIST CAMARA LAYE. (LAYE, SENGHOR REVEALED, IS HOPELESSLY ILL IN DAKAR WITH KIDNEY FAILURE.) SENGHOR ALSO REVEALED THAT FRANCOIS MITTERAND FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADER WOULD VISIT AFRICA SHORTLY AND WOULD STOP IN DAKAR EN ROUTE TO CONAKRY.

4. SENGHOR SAID SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO RECENT SENEGALO-MAURITANIAN DISPUTE HAD BEEN REACHED BECAUSE OF SENEGAL'S DECISION TO BE FIRM -- AT ONE POINT SENEGALESE HAD ARMED PATROL CRAFT ON RIVER-- BUT REASONABLE. HE CONSIDERED MAURITANIAN CLAIMS FOR BOUNDARY CHANGE CALCULATED DEVICE OF PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH TO DIVERT DOMESTIC ATTENTION FROM PROBLEM OF INCREASING AFRICAN CONSCIOUSNESS OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC'S BLACK POPULATIONS.

5. CHINESE UNWILLINGNESS TO BUILD MANATALI. ON CHINESE DECISION NOT TO BUILD MANATALI DAM, SENGHOR SAID OMVS PRESIDENTS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO INTERPRET CONVOLUTED ORAL REPLIES CPR REPRESENTATIVES GAVE THEM. PRESIDENT MOKTAR REQUESTED A WRITTEN STATEMENT. IT SAID CPR FELT COST OF CONSTRUCTION WAS TOO HIGH. HOWEVER, SENGHOR ATTRIBUTED GOOD PART OF ATTITUDE TO CHINESE UNHAPPINESS WITH MALIAN PROCUREMENT OF SOVIET ARMS AND USE OF SOVIET-PROVIDED STRATEGY FOR MILITARY MOVES IN BORDER DISPUTE WITH UPPER VOLTA. SENGHOR SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY PLEASED CHINESE HAD RENEGED ON MANANTALI PROJECT BECAUSE HE ALWAYS HAD FEARS CONCERNING COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN CHINESE DAM AND RELATED WESTERN-DESIGNED AND FINANCED PROJECTS. NOW FRG HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE, WHICH HE HOPED WOULD SUCCEED, TO PUT TOGETHER CONSORTIUM TO ASSURE DAM CONSTRUCTION.

6. NIGERIA AND 2ND FESTIVAL OF BLACK ARTS. SENEGAL WAS CONCERNED ABOUT SUCCESSFUL RELIZATION OF FESTICAL BECAUSE NIGERIANS SOUGHT TO MIX POLITICS AND BIG BUSINESS WITH CULTURE. VENTURE WOULD SUCCEED IF IT WERE CARRIED OUT AS FESTIVAL OF NEGRO, I.E., BLACK AFRICA AND ITS DIASPORA, BUT IF EFFORT WERE MADE TO INCLUDE ARABS FOR POLITICAL

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AND OPEC BUSINESS REASONS, SENEGAL AND OTHER DELEGATIONS WOULD POST UNCOMPROMISING OBJECTION.

7. WESTERN SAHARA. INDICATING SENEGAL AND TUNISIA SUPPORT THE MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN SOLUTION TO WESTERN SAHARA, SENGHOR SAID BOURGUIBA WAS NOW TRYING TO REASON ALGERIANS AWAY FROM THEIR EFFORTS LINK ALGERO-MOROCCAN AGREEMENT ON TINDOUF AREA TO ALGERIAN SUPPORT FOR MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN SAHARAN CLAIMS.

8. ANGOLA. FOR SENGHOR, ANGOLA REMAINED THE MOST INCENDIARY SPOT IN AFRICA. HE FELT PORTUGUESE HAD NOT BEEN WISE IN SUPPORTING MPLA. HE PLANNED TO SEE JONAS SAVIMBI IN ABIDJAN OVER THE WEEKEND OF JULY 20 AND HE WOULD URGE HIM TO JOIN WITH THE FLNA TO BREAK THE COUNTRY OUT OF ITS LEADERSHIP

CRISIS AND AVOID THE APPROACHING CHAOS.

9. BORDER PROBLEMS WITH GUINEA-BISSAU. WHILE SENEGAL'S RELATIONS WITH GUINEA BISSAU WERE GOOD, THERE WERE CONTINUING BORDER PROBLEMS. SENEGALESE HAD RECENTLY ARRESTED GUINEA BISSAU TROOPS WHO CAME INTO CASAMANCE PURSUING FLING SUPPORTERS. GOS HAD RELEASED THEM AND REPATRIATED THEM TO BISSAU. BORDER PROBLEMS HAD BECOME SO FREQUENT THAT GOS DECIDED IT MUST WITHDRAW ITS CONTINGENT FROM UN FORCES IN SINAI IN JANUARY.
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